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Revised Water Quality Certification Conditions for Nationwide
Permits in Idaho

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On August 27, 2003, the Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division approved the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) revisions to their water quality certification conditions for the 2002 Nationwide Permits (NWP). The NWP, regional conditions, and revised water quality certifications for Idaho are available on the Internet at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/rfhome.htm> If you do not have access to the Internet, you may obtain a copy by calling 509-527-7150 and asking for the Consolidated 2002 Nationwide Permits for Idaho.

The NWP are activity-specific and authorize certain activities in non-tidal waters of the United States that have minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. The revised IDEQ water quality certification eliminates about three-fourths of the previous water quality certification conditions. The revision will eliminate some of the confusion that existed over a number of the previous certification conditions that duplicated Walla Walla District regional conditions.

The revision also adds denial of certification for projects located on tributaries to 303 (d) listed streams. The IDEQ previously denied certification on 303 (d) streams, but not their tributaries. This additional requirement for certification on tributaries to 303 (d) listed streams will require applicants to obtain individual water quality certification from IDEQ for projects on 303 (d) listed streams and their tributaries. The IDEQ wants to individually certify projects on the tributaries because work in the tributaries affects water quality of 303 (d) streams.

For further information about the Department of the Army permit program in Walla Walla District, please visit our Home Page at the Internet address listed above or call us at 509-527-7150.

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